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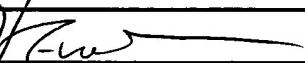
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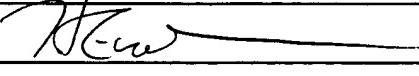
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**SECOND DECLARATION OF DR. WILLIAM D. MATHERS**  
37 C.F.R. §1.132

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Dear Sir,

1. I, William D. Mathers, MD, am a Professor of Ophthalmology at Oregon Health and Science University – Casey Eye Institute in Portland Oregon. I filed a previous Declaration in relation to this application in January 2004. A copy of my curriculum vitae was attached to my previous Declaration. My previous Declaration also briefly described my relationship with Rogue Valley Natural Springs, Inc., the assignee of this application. I am familiar with the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent Office.

2. I am submitting this Declaration to provide additional evidence to that which has already been submitted to establish that this invention is not obvious. In particular, I am submitting this Declaration to demonstrate that this invention provides a solution to a long-

standing problem pertaining to the treatment of patients suffering from symptoms of dry eyes, the problem of a lack of patient compliance in the use of topical dry eye therapies.

3. It has long been recognized in the field of ophthalmology that many, if not most, patients requiring the administration of eye drops fail to comply in part or at all with the recommendations of their treating physician. Attached to this Declaration as Exhibit I is an article, Winfield, et al, "A Study of the Causes of Non-Compliance by Patients Prescribed Eyedrops", British Journal of Ophthalmology, 74:477-480 (1990). This article discusses the problem of the lack of patient compliance in the use of eyedrops and addresses several causes for this lack of compliance.

4. The data disclosed in the Winfield et al article shown in Table 1 on page 478 show that only 64% of patients use eye drops as directed and, even more striking, that only 62% of patients administer their own drops. As stated in the first full paragraph on page 478, second column: "Over a third of patients did not administer their own drops regularly, with 21% always using assistance. . . In total, 57% of patients admitted having some difficulty administering their drops."

5. Table 2 on page 478 presents the main problems that patients have with administering eye drops. As stated on page 478, second column, first full paragraph: "Discussion with patients indicated that lack of confidence was a major factor, particularly fear of prodding the eye. As a result the bottle was often held too far from the eye, making the aim more difficult and encouraging the blink reflex. Older patients experienced physical problems in

raising the arm, tilting the head, and in holding and squeezing the bottle.” Table 3 on the bottom of page 478 shows that many patients do not aim eyedrops well.

6. On page 479, first column, last paragraph, Winfield et al summarize their conclusions: “From this work it appears that we have identified two interrelated problems with the self administration of eyedrops: firstly, the lack of physical acuity, and secondly the inability to aim adequately.” On page 479, second column, last paragraph, Winfield et al conclude that: “Apart from the evidence we have produced, demographic trends indicate that the number of patients experiencing difficulty will increase rather than decrease. Difficulty in administering drops increases with age. Projections indicate that the population of 85 years old and above will increase by a third over the next 10 years.”

7. A recent search on the PubMed database shows that the problem of lack of patient compliance in the use of eyedrops for the treatment of symptoms relating to dry eyes is one that has been recognized by researchers in the field of ophthalmology for quite some time. Attached to this Declaration as Exhibit 2 is a PubMed search that looked for articles dealing with subjects related to the Winfield article. The search produced a listing of 114 articles, many of which deal with the problem of lack of compliance, with the difficulty in administering eyedrops, or with means for facilitating eyedrop administration. From a reading of the titles in the search, it appears to me that articles 1-14, 16, 18-20, 23-26, 28-29, 31-33, 35, 44, 46-48, 60-62, 78-80, 83, 86, 91, 93, 100, 101, 106, 108, 109, 113 deal with problems relating to the administration of eyedrops, with the vast majority of these articles dealing with the problem of lack of patient compliance.

8. Attached to this Declaration as Exhibit 3 are abstracts of articles numbered 2, 5, 7, 20, 23, 33, 46, and 62 of the PubMed search. These articles deal with various aspects of the problem of lack of patient compliance and make clear that the issue of non-compliance with eyedrops is a long standing one due to difficulties that patients have in self-administration.

9. In my Declaration of January 2004, I submitted data from a survey of 39 patients who either had dry eye (33) or had other reasons for needing an eye care product for moisturizing the eye (6). Of these 39 patients, 35 (89%) had previously used other eye care products and of these 72% (25) had experienced favorable results with those products. The patients were given Nature's Tears to use freely for 2 weeks, as needed. Telephone interviews were conducted after the two week period. Nature's Tears is a commercial embodiment of the invention with which a user moisturizes his/her eyes by spraying a mist of water towards the face. The use of Nature's Tears does not require an individual to aim precisely to the eye and does not require an individual to bend the neck so as to look upward, as is required when moisturizing the eye with eyedrops.

10. Of the 39 patients, 83% (32) found Nature's Tears to be more convenient than the other products that they had used (eyedrops). Only 8% (2) found Nature's Tears to be less convenient, and 8% (2) found the convenience of Nature's Tears to be about the same. One patient in the survey stated that she preferred Nature's Tears over eyedrops because she has arthritis. Due to the debilitating condition in her hands, she found Nature's Tears to be much easier to use.

11. In January 2004, Dr. Darwin Liao, an ophthalmologist in Seattle, Washington, submitted a Declaration. In the Declaration of Dr. Liao, he testified that he cares for many patients who suffer from dry eyes and that his experience with conventional eyedrop therapies had not been entirely successful. He testified that many of his patients have complained of difficulty in the administration of eyedrops and that this problem of difficulty in administration of eyedrop therapy occurs very frequently and is a serious issue in elderly patients and in patients with motor difficulties. Dr. Liao summarized his experience with conventional eyedrops by stating that he had experienced problems in patient compliance because many of his patients applied the eye drops less frequently than recommended or discontinued use of them completely.

12. Dr. Liao then testified that the results that he has obtained with Nature's Tears have been outstanding. He stated that he no longer receive complaints about discomfort upon or after application or about difficulty in applying eye moisturizing therapy. Many of his patients have even commented about how good their eyes feel when they use Nature's Tears. Significantly, Dr. Liao testified that his patients continue to use Nature's Tears because it is effective in reducing symptoms of dry eye and the mist is very easy and comfortable to apply to the eye. His elderly patients, many of whom suffer from secondary eye conditions due to eyelid laxity and other such disorders, and his patients with motor difficulties find the Nature's Tears mist very easy to apply. Therefore, Dr. Liao concluded, he no longer has problems with patient compliance with dry eye topical therapy in his ophthalmology practice now that he dispenses Nature's Tears.

13. The references referred to above establish that the problem of lack of patient compliance with present methods of moisturizing the eye has been a longstanding problem and that the solution to this problem has proven to be evasive. The data from my study of 39 patients described in my previous Declaration of January 2004 and the testimony in the Declaration of Dr. Darwin Liao also of January 2004 establish that the use of Nature's Tears eye mist increases patient compliance regarding the use of eye moisturizes and that the present invention provides a solution to the longstanding problem of lack of patient compliance with eye moisturizing products.

Further, Deponent sayeth naught.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

5/5/2005

Date

  
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William D. Mathers, MD

Attachments: (1) Exhibit 1: Winfield, et al, British Journal of Ophthalmology, 74:477-480 (1990)  
(2) Exhibit 2: PubMed search listing 114 articles  
(3) Exhibit 3: Selected abstracts (8) from articles listed in PubMed search